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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Broadband is a utility, just like electricity or gas. It is now a fundamental part of existence. There should be no barriers to local Internet service providers from having access to offer service. The multinational competitors would like to claim total ownership this utility, but since it was developed and built with our tax dollars how could it be their right to stifle competition? Choice of who we can buy service from is a fundamental right of the tax payer. I choose an independent ISP because they offer me unlimited bandwidth fiber. I am not offered this by the multinational competitors. Every American should have the same.

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